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The Honorable Bill Hardiman, Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
Michigan State Senate
Lansing, Michigan 48933

The Honorable Rick Shaffer, Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
Michigan House of Representatives
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Senator Hardiman and Representative Shaffer:

Section 677 of 2005 Public Act 147 (Enrolled Senate Bill No. 271) requires the Michigan Department of Human Services (MDHS) to establish a state goal for the percentage of family independence program (FIP) cases involved in employment activities of not less than 50%. MDHS is to report quarterly on the current percentage of FIP cases involved in employment activities. If the FIP case percentage is below the goal for more than two (2) consecutive quarters, DHS is to develop a plan to increase the percentage of FIP cases involved in employment-related activities.

The attached report supplements our recent testimony. Figures from the federal government are released two months after the end of the quarter. The report for the second quarter will be submitted in June.

If you have any questions, please contact John Sorbet, chief administrative officer, at 373-7787.

Sincerely,

Marianne Udow

cc: Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on DHS
Senate and House Fiscal Agencies
Senate and House Policy Offices
State Budget Director

Participation Rates: Federal law requires that states receiving funding under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant (TANF) must meet work participation rates for the cash assistance caseload. States must achieve the following minimum work participation rates (as a percentage of the total cash assistance caseload).

Federal work participation rate targets were established with the passage of welfare reform. The following chart displays both federal rates along with Michigan's actual participation rates.

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